## MASSEY JOINS STATE AGENCY AS NEW POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE DIRECTOR

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DENVER – September 13, 2012 – The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) announced today that Tom Massey will join the Department as Policy and Communications Office Director starting in October. The Policy and Communications Office Director has responsibility for the management of government relations and communications.

"We are looking forward to having Tom as a member of the Department's Executive Team," said Susan E. Birch, executive director. "His experience with navigating the legislative process, understanding of policy, and ability to lead will be an asset to the Department as we continue work towards containing health care costs and improving health outcomes for low-income Coloradans."

Massey served as a state legislator representing Colorado House District 60 (Poncha Springs, Salida) for eight years. He was a member of the Health and Environment Committee and chaired the House Education Committee. He also sponsored several pieces of health care legislation, some of which included prescription drug monitoring, home health care, health information technology and electronic prescriptions in Medicaid.

Massey has been a member of the Colorado Child Welfare Commission, served on the Health Information Exchange Board, the Health Information Technology Advisory Board and has been a Colorado Health Foundation Fellow.

Massey received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Texas.

**About the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing**: The department administers the Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* programs as well as a variety of other programs for low-income families, children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with disabilities. The mission of the department is to improve access to cost-effective, quality health care services for Coloradans. For more information about the department, please visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.